



H.RES. 1229 – RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF AMERICA'S HIGH SCHOOL VALEDICTORIANS OF THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2008, PROMOTING THE IMPORTANCE OF ENCOURAGING INTELLECTUAL GROWTH, AND REWARDING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE OF ALL AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1229 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Gregory Meeks (D-NY) on May 22, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor, but was not considered.

H.Res. 1229 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on June 9, 2008.

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1229 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Honors and recognizes the valedictorians and graduating seniors of the class of 2008 for their academic achievements and contributions to their communities;
- Encourages all valedictorians and graduating seniors to further their intellectual inquiry and academic studies in universities and postsecondary educational institutions; and
- Supports the continued social engagement of valedictorians and graduating seniors, which utilizes their knowledge and skills for the betterment of their communities and the social, cultural, and economic advancement of the Nation.

BACKGROUND

The academic title of valedictorian is typically bestowed upon the highest ranked student of a graduating class of an educational institution. It is customary for the valedictorian to deliver a farewell speech at the school's graduation ceremony.

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